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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRUSSELS 1864 ACTION SECSTATE NAIROBI  
INFO KIGALI ATHENS 27 FEB 77

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRUSSELS 1864

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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PINR, CASC, UG

SUBJECT: UGANDA: POSSIBLE DETENTION OF AMERICAN TRAVELERS

1. SABENA AIRLINES INFORMED US THAT ON ARRIVAL BRUSSELS 06:05  
FEBRUARY 27 OF SABENA FLIGHT 492 (KIGALI-NAIROBI-ENTEBBE-ATHENS-  
BRUSSELS) A GERMAN PASSENGER HANDED OVER TO AIRLINE AGENT TWO  
TICKETS BELONGING TO A DR. WILLIAM PARSON AND A MRS. LUCILLE  
PARSON. GERMAN PASSENGER DID NOT KNOW HOW PARSON TICKETS GOT MIXED  
IN WITH HIS DOCUMENTS AND ASSUMED AIRLINE PERSONNEL IN ENTEBBE  
HAD MADE ERROR.

2. ON INVESTIGATION, SABENA DETERMINED THAT THE PARSONS NEVER ARRIVED  
BRUSSELS ABOARD FLIGHT 492 AND TOLD US THAT TICKETS SHOWED CHECK-IN  
PROCEDURES HAD BEEN STARTED AT ENTEBBE BUT PARSON'S DEPARTURE  
"SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED." SABENA AGENT SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE  
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THAT SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR HAD BEEN MADE AND THEY WERE CHECKING  
BACK THROUGH NAIROBI.  
HE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS  
GROUND PERSONNEL AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT, WHICH SERVICES SABENA  
FLIGHTS, HAD DELIBERATELY INCLUDED PARSONS' TICKETS WITH  
GERMAN PASSENGERS TO COMMUNICATE FACT THAT PARSONS HAD NOT  
BEEN PERMITTED BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES TO DEPART ENTEBBE.

3. PARSONS' TICKETS WERE TWA ROUND-TRIP SAN FRANCISCO-ENTEBBE  
ISSUED BY SATHER GATE WORLD TRAVEL AGENCY OF BERKELY, CALIFORNIA.  
SABENA AGENT SAID TICKETS SHOWED THAT PARSONS DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO  
FEBRUARY 12 AND PROCEEDED TO LONDON, RIAD (FEBRUARY 18), JIDDA  
(18TH ALSO), AND NAIROBI (FEBRUARY 23). PARSONS' RETURN TICKET  
TO SAN FRANCISCO WAS WRITTEN ORIGINALLY FOR A MARCH 26 DEPARTURE  
FROM ENTEBBE, THEN ON TO BRUSSELS, LONDON AND SAN FRANCISCO.

4. SABENA WILL INFORM US OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.RENNER  
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